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CHAPTER 2

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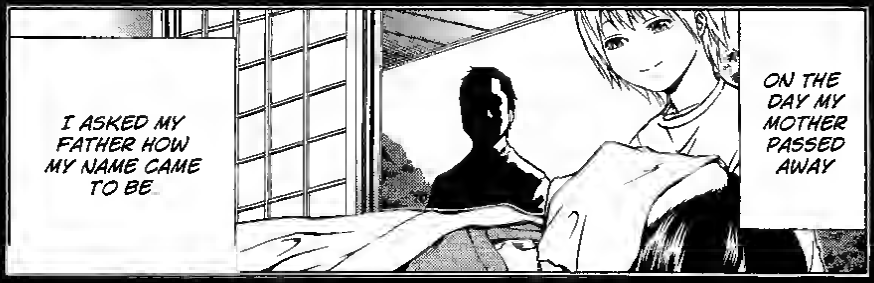
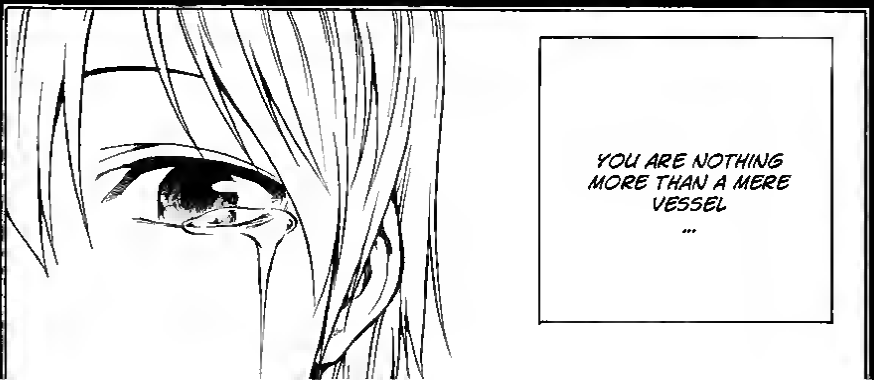
PLEASE SUPPORT THE AUTHOR: CLAMP, KAZANIWA NUI, HOUYOUIN'S THE MANGA WHEN/IF IT'S AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION


I ASKED MY FATHER HOW MY NAME CAME TO BE
ON THE DAY MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY

IT IS WHAT WE CALL THE "POWER" THAT YOU HAVE...
THAT ISN'T YOUR NAME ...
WITH A SMILE HE ANSWERED ...

"OROCHI" IS A NAME FOR THE "POWER" YOU HOLD...
THE SORROWFUL VOW OF JAPAN'S INCANTATIONS ..
THAT IS THE SORROWFUL VOW THAT THE KUSHINATA FAMILY CARRIES ...


YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A MERE VESSEL ...

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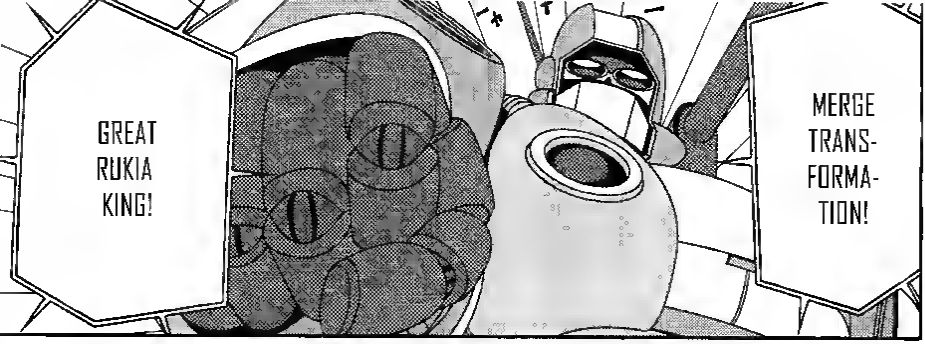
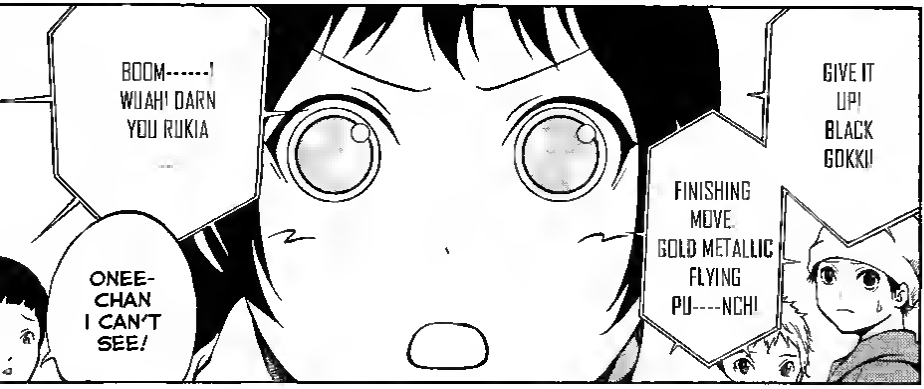

GREAT RUKIA KING!
MERGE TRANS-FORMA-TION!

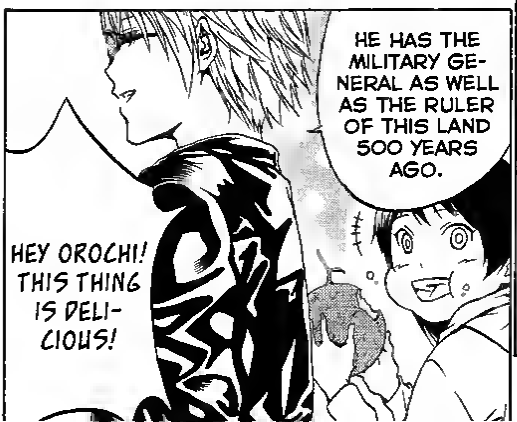

BOOM------! WUAH! DARN YOU RUKIA
ONEE-CHAN I CAN'T SEE!
FINISHING MOVE. GOLD METALLIC FLYING PU----NCH!
GIVE IT UP! BLACK GOKKI!

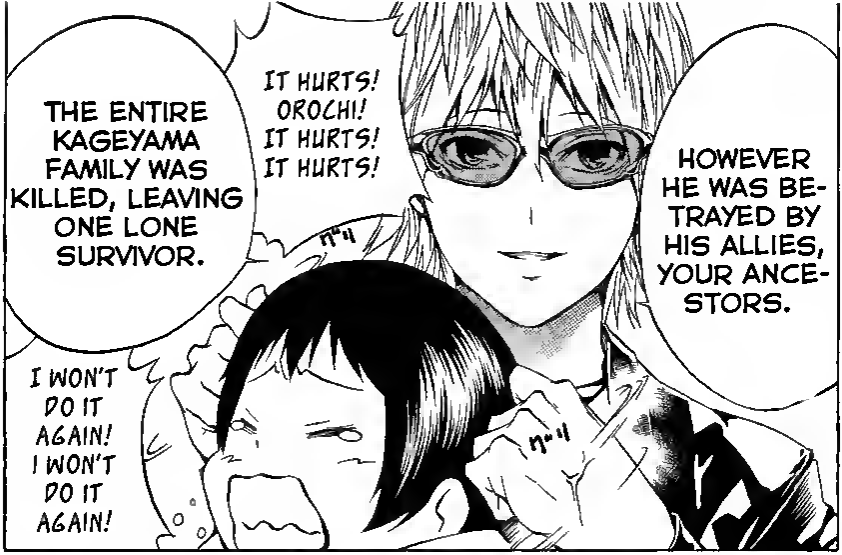
IS THAT SO ...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE ...
NO! NO! NO!
LET ME GO OROCHI! AYAME WANTS TO CONTINUE WATCHING!
OKAY, SORRY FOR THAT.

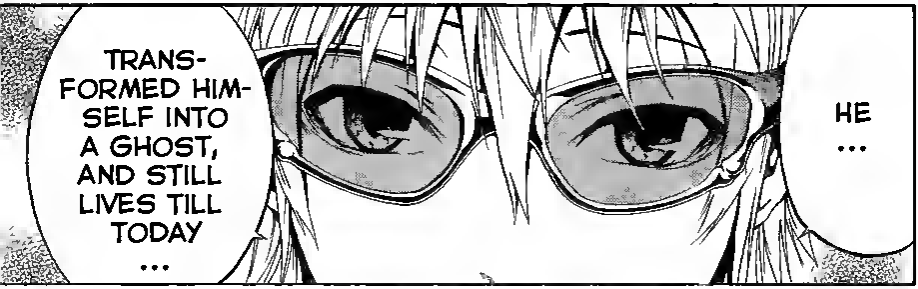
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU PEOPLE ...
AFTER MY SON PASSED AWAY, THIS GRANDSON OF MINE IS THE ONLY HEIR LEFT OF THE OBINATA CLAN.
IT'S NOTHING REALLY; IT WAS JUST A SMALL TASK;

KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU?
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF THAT AS A MYTH.
KAGAYAMA MOROMITSU'S CURSE...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT NATSUKI ?
AH ... YES ...
BUT I'M NOT VERY AWARE OF THE SITUATION ...

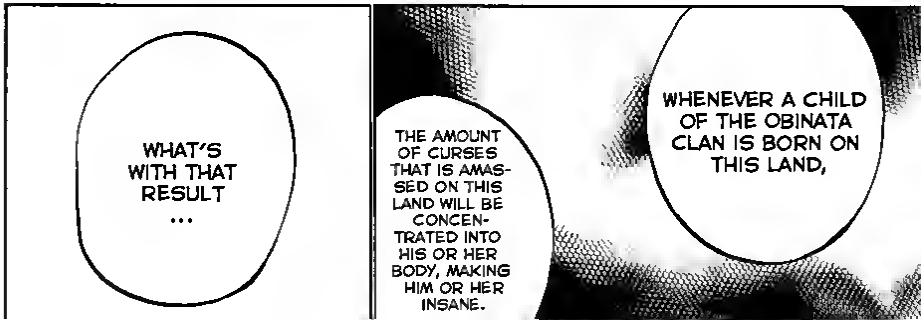

HEY OROCHI! THIS THING IS DELICIOUS!
HE HAS THE MILITARY GENERAL AS WELL AS THE RULER OF THIS LAND 500 YEARS AGO.


THE ENTIRE KAGEYAMA FAMILY WAS KILLED, LEAVING ONE LONE SURVIVOR.
IT HURTS! OROCHI! IT HURTS! IT HURTS!
HOWEVER HE WAS BETRAYED BY HIS ALLIES, YOUR ANCESTORS.
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN! I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!


TRANSFORMED HIMSELF INTO A GHOST, AND STILL LIVES TILL TODAY ...
HE ...

ALSO, TO DEVOUR CURSES AND ALLOW THEM TO GRADUALLY GROW ...
THAT IS MY FAMILY, THE KUSHINATA FAMILY'S "JOB", SINCE 3000 YEARS AGO.
THEY POSSESS A LARGE AMOUNT OF SPIRITUAL ENERGY NO MAN CAN HAVE...
AS LONG AS THEY DON'T FORGET THEIR RESENTMENT, THEY CAN CONTINUE LIVING...
GHOSTS ARE REALLY SCARY ...
FOR ...
500 YEARS ?

AT FIRST, THE LAND WAS SHARED PEACEFULLY AMONG THE ALLIES, BUT OBINATA WENT AGAINST THIS ARRANGEMENT AND LAUNCHED A NIGHT RAID.
THE CAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT SEEMED TO BE REGARDING THE RULING RIGHTS OF THIS LAND ...
.....
AND SOUGHT HELP FROM US, THE KUSHINATA ...
KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU MANAGED TO ESCAPE OUT OF THE COUNTRY,
BY USING MOROMITSU'S BODY AS A MEDIUM, A CURSE WAS PLACED ON THIS PIECE OF LAND AS WELL AS ON THE OBINATA CLAN.
THE KUSHINATA THEN WHO WERE STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR PLACE IN THE COURT ACCEPTED HIS REQUEST ...
AS OBINATA DEDICATED PART OF THE GOLD THEY GAINED TO THE COURT,
WERE NONE OTHER THAN MY ANCESTORS.
THE ONES WHO HELPED KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU CURSE YOUR FAMILY ...


WHAT'S WITH THAT RESULT ...
THE AMOUNT OF CURSES THAT IS AMASSED ON THIS LAND WILL BE CONCENTRATED INTO HIS OR HER BODY, MAKING HIM OR HER INSANE.
WHENEVER A CHILD OF THE OBINATA CLAN IS BORN ON THIS LAND,

THOSE WHO SURVIVED THREW AWAY THIS PIECE OF LAND AND ESCAPED...
THE RELATIVES OF THE OBINATA FAMILY BEGAN KILLING ONE ANOTHER ...

AND THERE WEREN'T ANY PEOPLE LIVING HERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
AND THUS THIS PLACE WAS PROCLAIMED CURSED...

YES,
HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH THE INCANTATION HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED FOR NOW, IF WE DON'T REMOVE THE INCANTATION FROM ITS CORE, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FULLY DISPEL IT.
AS YOU'RE NOT BORN ON THIS LAND, YOU WERE NOT AFFECTED ...
BUT THE CURSE WAS ACTIVATED ON YOUR SON AS WELL AS YOUR GRANDSON.
AND STARTED A CITY ON MY HOMELAND, BRINGING RESIDENTS BACK AGAIN.
HOWEVER, AS THE HIGHWAY PASSES BY THIS AREA, I COLLABORATED WITH A LOT OF COMPANIES,

THE SOULS OF THOSE WITH THE OBINATA CLAN THAT DIE BY THE CURSE WILL ACT AS A REAGENT THAT ENHANCES THE STRENGTH OF THE CURSE ...
AND WILL BE TURNED INTO FOOD FOR MOROMITSU, WHO LIES SOMEWHERE WITHIN THIS CITY.
DESTROY THE CITY?
WHY WOULD IT...
GHOSTS THAT GATHER ENOUGH AMOUNTS OF CURSES ...
WILL THEN AWAKEN WITH THE GOAL OF DESTROYING THE CITY IN MIND...
ONCE THE GHOSTS AWAKEN AND START WRECKING HAVOC, IT WILL BE EASY TO KILL THOUSANDS OR EVEN MILLIONS.
EVENTUALLY, THIS LAND WILL BECOME A NEST OF HATRED AND RESENT-MENT...
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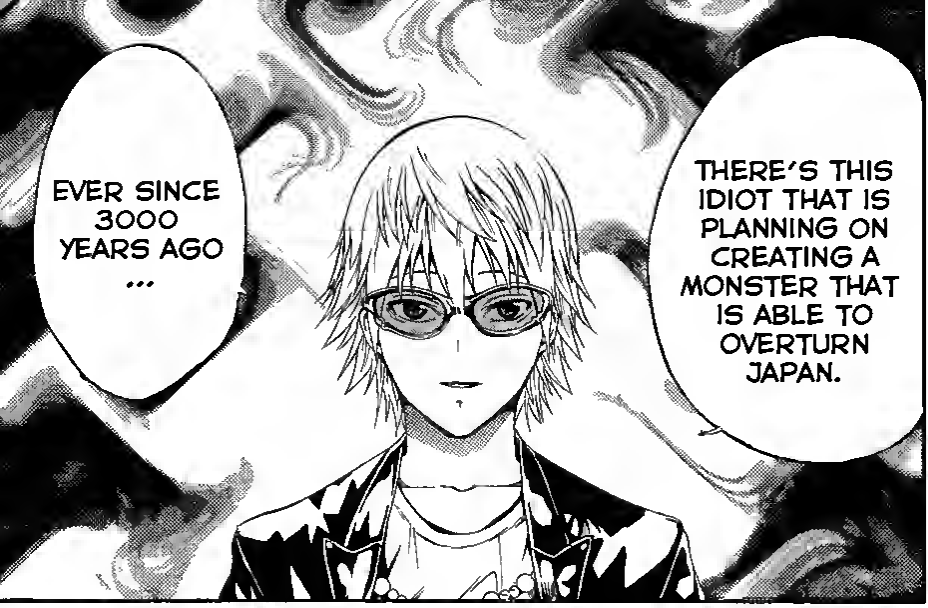
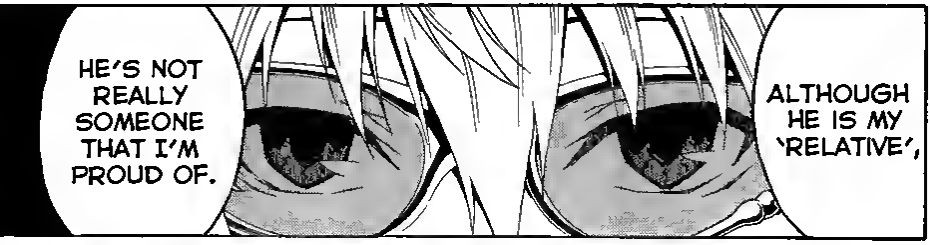
... IN OTHER WORDS ...
ALSO, IF THE AMOUNT OF CURSES CONTINUES TO INCREASE, THEY WILL THEN BE CONCEN-TRATED IN A SINGLE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION.


EVER SINCE 3000 YEARS AGO ...
THERE'S THIS IDIOT THAT IS PLANNING ON CREATING A MONSTER THAT IS ABLE TO OVERTURN JAPAN.


HE'S NOT REALLY SOMEONE THAT I'M PROUD OF.
ALTHOUGH HE IS MY 'RELATIVE',

THEN, I WILL BE EXCUSING MYSELF ...
WUAA-AAH! OROCHI!
THIS THING IS BITING MY HAND!
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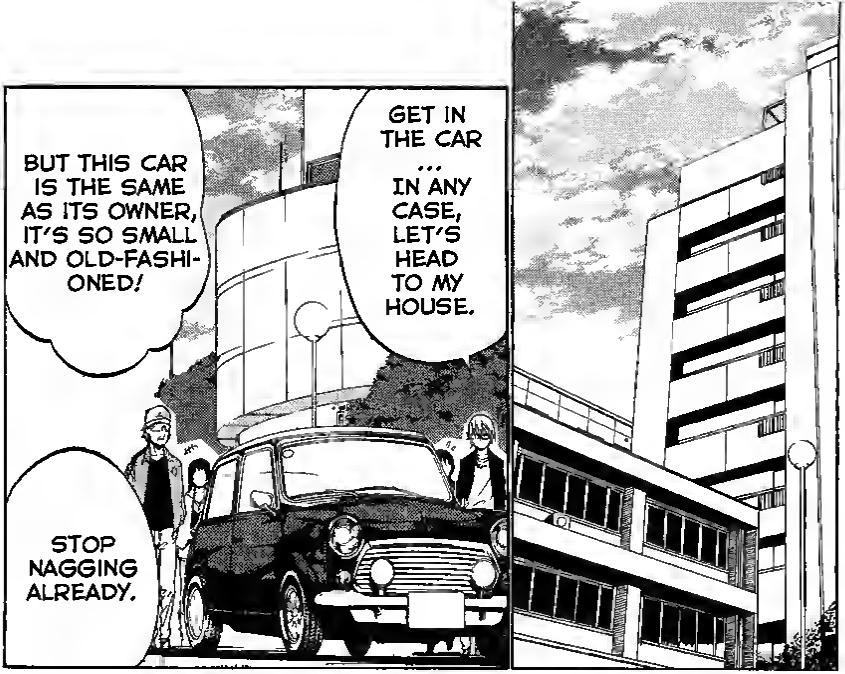
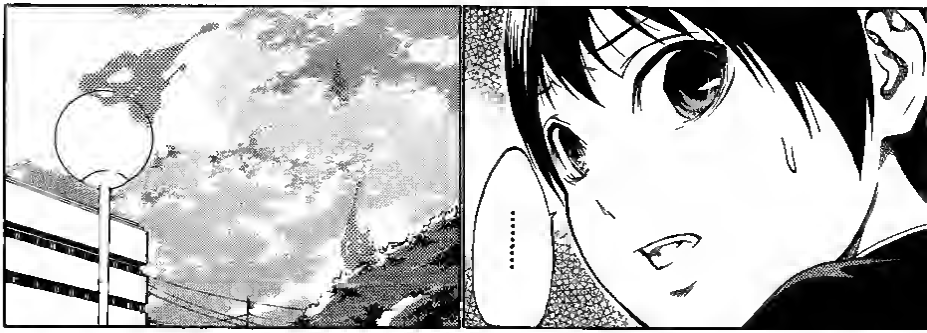

GET IN THE CAR ... IN ANY CASE, LET'S HEAD TO MY HOUSE.
BUT THIS CAR IS THE SAME AS ITS OWNER, IT'S SO SMALL AND OLD-FASHIONED!
STOP NAGGING ALREADY.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OH ...
LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN REALLY SEE THEM ...
EH?

THIS SITUATION OFTEN HAPPENS AFTER DISPELLING A CURSE,
YOUR SENSES WILL BE SHARPENED, AND WILL OFTEN SEE THINGS THAT YOU'RE NOT USUALLY ABLE TO SEE NORMALLY.
THAT... WHAT IS THAT?
COULD THEY BE SPIRITS ...?
NOT QUITE ...
EH?
FROM WHEN YOU'RE BORN, JUST LIKE THAT, YOU HAVE THOSE THINGS DISSOLVING INTO YOUR BODY.
IF THIS CONTINUES, THE CURSE WILL JUST START TO AMASS AGAIN.
WEAR THIS ...
?
THAT IS THE SOURCE OF RESENTMENT FOR CURSES ...
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE THE SOLIDIFICATION OF HUMANS' EVIL INTENTIONS THAT ARE DISSIPATED AWAY FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES.

THERE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE STRENGTHENING THE INCANTATION...
HEY...
IS THE SITUATION REALLY THAT DANGEROUS?
INDEED, THIS SITUATION ISN'T NORMAL ...
THIS IS JUST A HUNCH...
JUDGING BY THE CONCENTRATION OF CURSES AND RESENTMENT ...
IF YOU WERE TO DIE HERE, THE GHOST WILL PROBABLY BE AWAKENED.
THESE BEADS WILL PROTECT YOU TO A CERTAIN EXTENT ...
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I SEE ...
KUSHINATA ...
DAMN THAT ARMY BASE... THEY HAVE FINALLY ENTRUSTED THIS TO OROCHI...
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THAT OBI-NATA'S SOUL WILL BE TRANSFERRED HERE ...
IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS SOME SORT OF INTERFERENCE...
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OBINATA'S CLAN WILL SOON EXTI-GUISHED.
DON'T BE ANXIOUS, MOROMITSU.

AS THE DEATH GOD'S DISPO-SITION ...
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, YOU WILL ONCE AGAIN CLAIM THIS LAND.

GUAHAHA-HAHAHA!

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THE CITY IS SUCH AN AWESOME PLACE♡ ---!
I HEARD THAT YOU ARE PEOPLE FROM THE COURT...
SUCH YOUNG SERVICEMEN INDEED.
SO-SORRY, FOR US TO INTRUDE SO SUDDENLY ...
WHAT IS THIS? IS THIS WINE?
AYAME LIKES THIS VERY MUCH!
PLEASE, DON'T BE SO COURTEOUS,
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO OFFER ANYWAY.
SO IS THAT WHAT YOU REALLY THINK?
I'M JUST ANOTHER OF THOSE PRIESTS WHO INHERIT THE NAME OF MY ANCESTORS.
JUST AS YOU CAN SEE, SHE ISN'T VERY BRIGHT...
NONSENSE!
I CAN AT LEAST DO ADDITIONS!
LITTLE AYAME SEEMS TO BE CAUSING A LOT TROUBLE.
LITTLE!?
I'M AT LEAST A THOUSAND YEARS OLDER THAN YOU!

ARE YOU THE BAD GUY IN AN ANIME?
ENOUGH! AYAME IS ANGRY!
MOTHER! BRING IN THE WINE! I'M GOING TO DRINK TILL I DROP THIS TIME!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH ONE OF THOSE BOTTLES COSTS?

What's 13 + 66?
SUCH INTERES-TING PEOPLE.
REALLY ?
Urgh two-digit numbers are a little bit

USUALLY IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US; WE WERE STARTING TO FEEL A LITTLE LONELY.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, NATSUKI?
AH... YOU'RE RIGHT.

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.
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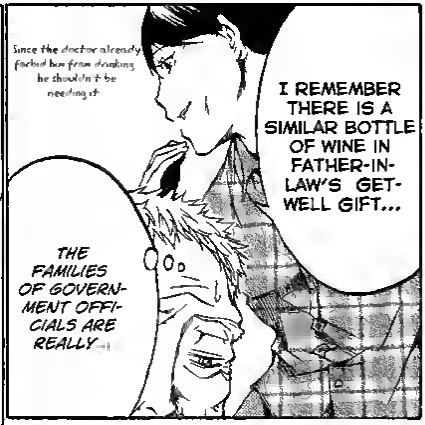
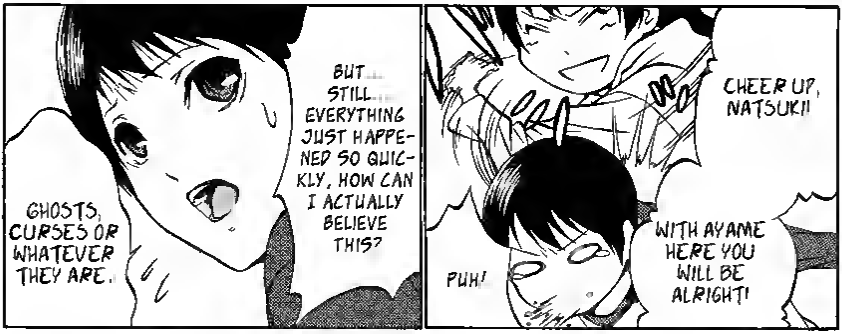
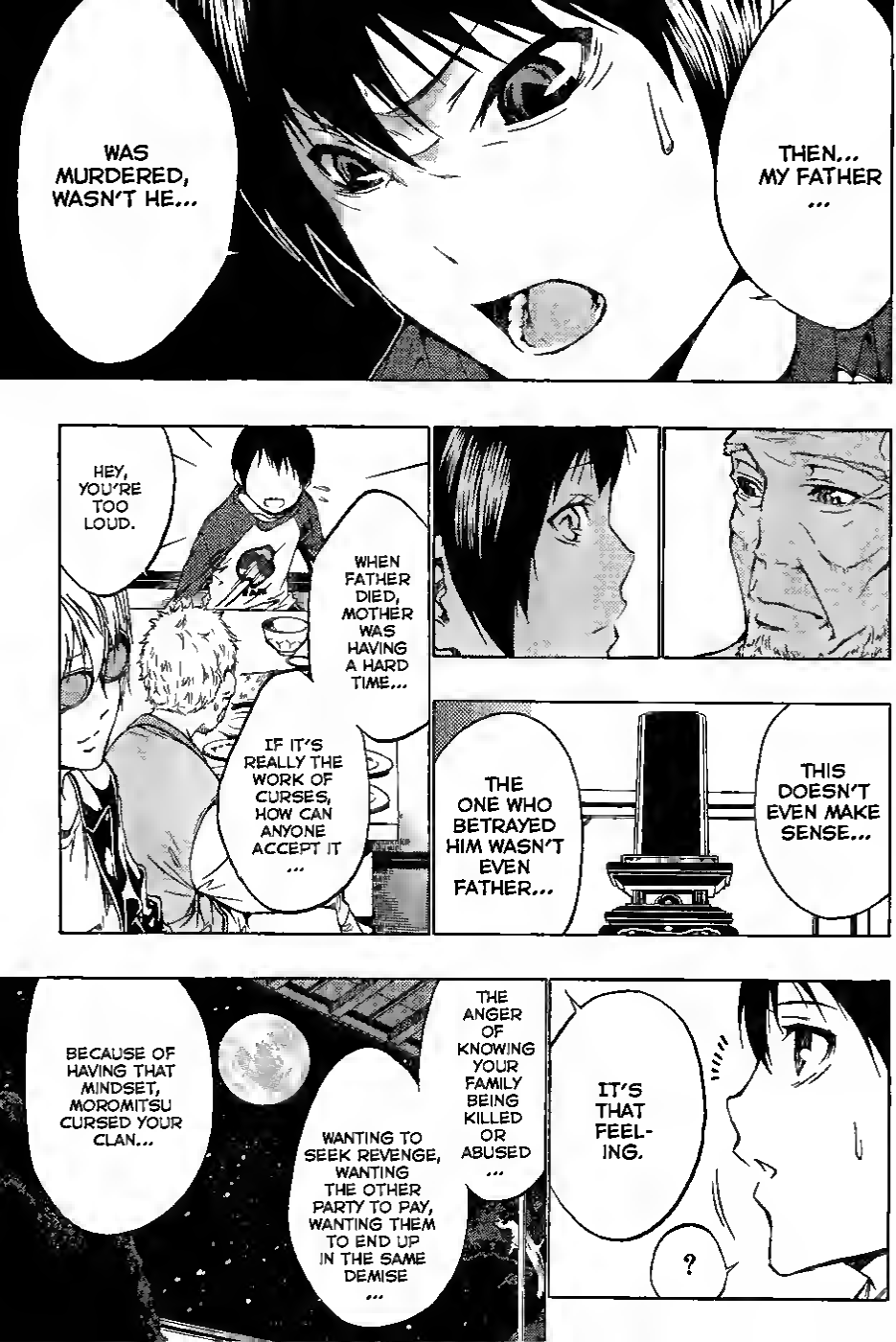

Since the doctor already forbid him from drinking he shouldn't be needing it
I REMEMBER THERE IS A SIMILAR BOTTLE OF WINE IN FATHER-IN-LAW'S GET-WELL GIFT...
THE FAMILIES OF GOVERN-MENT OFFI-CIALS ARE REALLY—!

BUT I STILL CAN'T FULLY UNDER-STAND...
EVEN THOUGH GRANDPA TOLD ME NOT TO TELL MOTHER,
JUST WHAT HAPPEN-ED THIS MORNING ...
CRISIS WILL ALWAYS HAPPEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF IT.
I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL.
HAAAA-AAA....

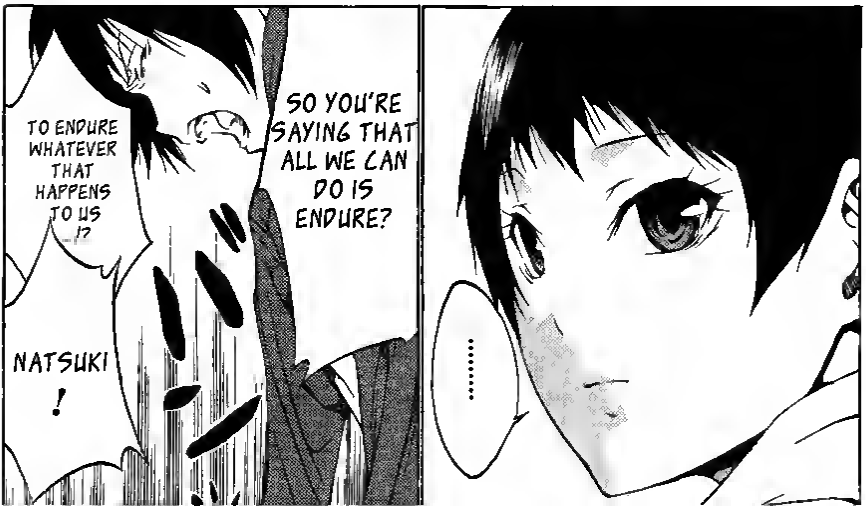

GHOSTS, CURSES OR WHATEVER THEY ARE.
BUT... STILL... EVERYTHING JUST HAPPE-NED SO QUIC-KLY, HOW CAN I ACTUALLY BELIEVE THIS?
CHEER UP, NATSUKI!
WITH AYAME HERE YOU WILL BE ALRIGHT!
PUH!

IF THEY ARE REALLY REAL.
IF THEY ARE ALL REAL.

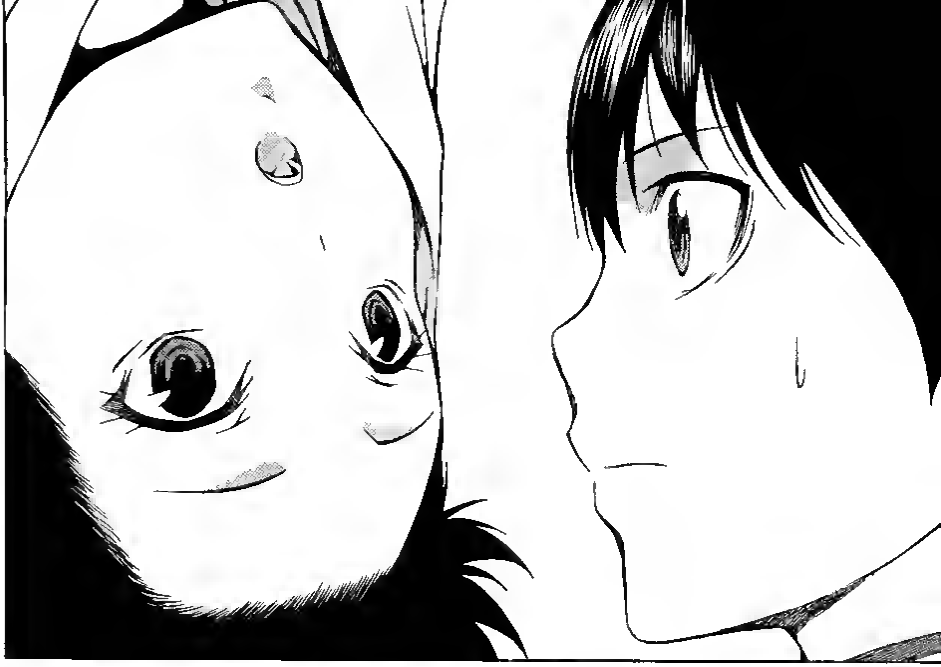

WAS MURDERED, WASN'T HE...
THEN... MY FATHER ...
HEY, YOU'RE TOO LOUD.
WHEN FATHER DIED, MOTHER WAS HAVING A HARD TIME...
IF IT'S REALLY THE WORK OF CURSES, HOW CAN ANYONE ACCEPT IT ...
THE ONE WHO BETRAYED HIM WASN'T EVEN FATHER...
THIS DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE...
BECAUSE OF HAVING THAT MINDSET, MOROMITSU CURSED YOUR CLAN...
WANTING TO SEEK REVENGE, WANTING THE OTHER PARTY TO PAY, WANTING THEM TO END UP IN THE SAME DEMISE ...
THE ANGER OF KNOWING YOUR FAMILY BEING KILLED OR ABUSED ...
IT'S THAT FEEL-ING.
?

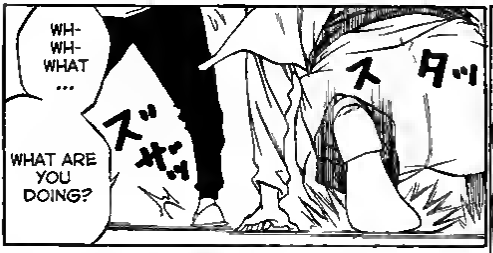
BUT THAT DIDN'T SOLVE ANYTHING...
HENCE THIS LASTED FOR 500 YEARS...

THERE MUST BE SOMEONE TO DRAW THIS UNLUCKY LOT.
TO SWALLOW THE RESENTMENT AND TO THE CURSE...


TO ENDURE WHATEVER THAT HAPPENS TO US !?
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT ALL WE CAN DO IS ENDURE?
NATSUKI !
.....

NO... NOTHING...
.....
WHAT'S WITH THE LOUD VOICE...
WHAT HAPPENED?
AH!
NATSUKI!
MY PREACHING WAS A BIT OVERBOARD,
ANY HUMAN BEING WILL BE ANGRY AFTER WHAT I JUST SAID.
I'M SORRY,
IT'S ALRIGHT, IT WAS MY FAULT ANYWAY.
JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT KID...
AH...
IF THEY ARE HUMAN, THAT IS...

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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WUAH!
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NATSUKI! YOUR MOTHER BROUGHT THE BOTTLE OF WINE!
LET'S HAVE A DRINK!
NO, I'M STILL NOT AT THE LEGAL AGE...

ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FATHER...
AS I WAS JUST A BABY AT THAT TIME.
.....
LET ME... HAVE SOME TIME ALONE ...
KNOWING THAT YOUR FATHER WAS MURDERED ...
YOU JUST CAN'T SIMPLY ACCEPT IT, CAN YOU?
NEVER-MIND!
SO--- UGLY.
AN UGLY DOG.
YOU REALLY ARE...
BUT I'M STILL UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THAT MY FATHER WAS MURDERED ...
AND AYAME'S VILLAGE WAS BURNT TO DUST...
A LARGE NUMBER OF THE HEAVENLY TROOPS CAME...
?
AYAME'S FATHER ...
REVOLTED AGAINST THE HEAVENLY KING...

FATHER'S BODY WAS CUT INTO SEVERAL HUNDRED OF PIECES...
AND WAS SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE LAND.
MY FATHER LOVED DOGS, LOVED HORSES ...
HE LOVED MOUNTAINS AND STREAMS ...
HE ALSO LOVED THE AYAME THAT MY MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO...
.....
AYAME REALLY HATES THE HEAVENLY KING...
I TURNED MYSELF INTO A VENGEFUL GHOST, AND ATTACKED TOKYO,
WHEN ONE OF MY ARMS WAS CUT OFF, I RESENTED HIM EVEN MORE...
NATSUKI'S FEELINGS ...
AYAME REALLY UNDERSTAND.
BECAUSE EVEN TILL NOW, I'M STILL UNWILLING TO ACCEPT IT AND SHED TEARS...

HOWEVER, EVEN IF I CONTINUE TO RESENT FOR THESE THOUSAND YEARS...
NOTHING GOOD WILL EVER HAPPEN...

SO THE MORE UNWILLING YOU ARE, THE MORE YOU HAVE TO FIND HAPPINESS!
YOU MUST MAKE THE ONE WHO CURSED YOU REGRET IT, AND YOU HAVE TO REGRET THAT YOU HAVE TO DO THIS!

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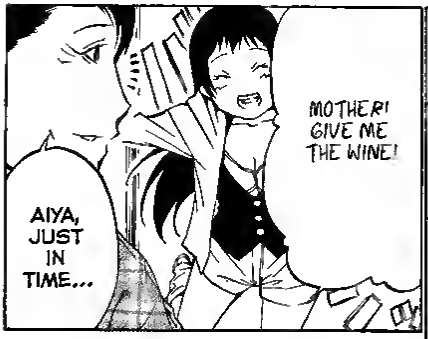
MOTHER! GIVE ME THE WINE!
AIYA, JUST IN TIME...

NO... LIKE I SAID, I'M UNDER-AGED...
SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO BE FULL OF REGRETS, LET'S DROWN THEM ALL WITH A DRINK!
LET'S GO!

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WHAT'S WRONG?

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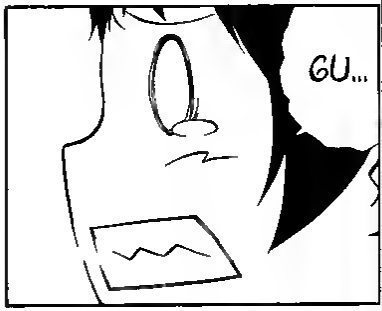
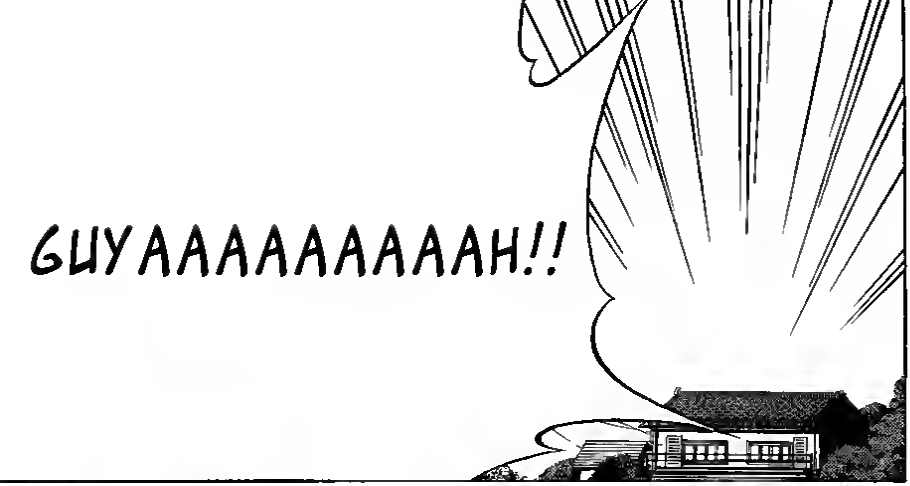
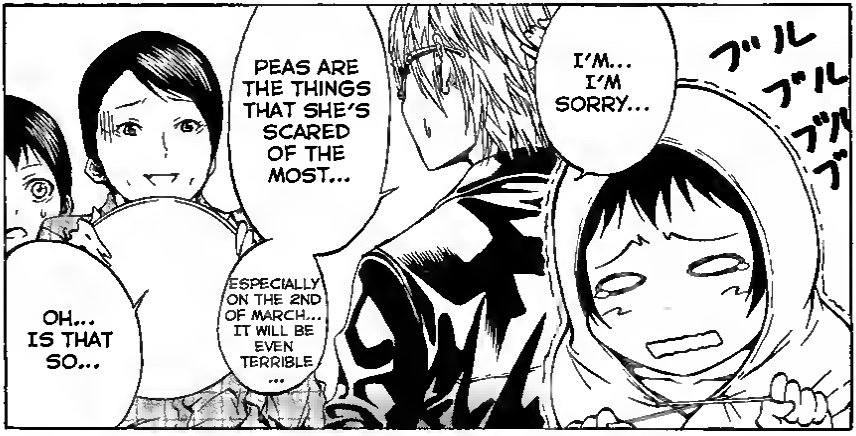
GU...


GU...

I JUST COOKED SOME PEAS...
IF YOU DON'T MIND YOU CAN EAT SOME...


GUYAAAAAAAAAH!!


I'M... I'M SORRY...
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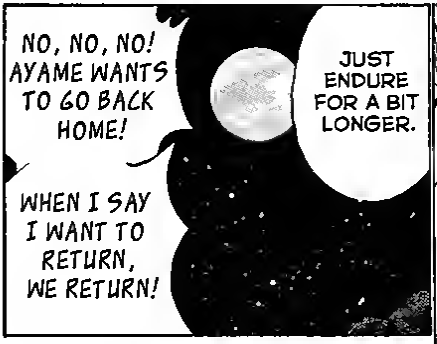
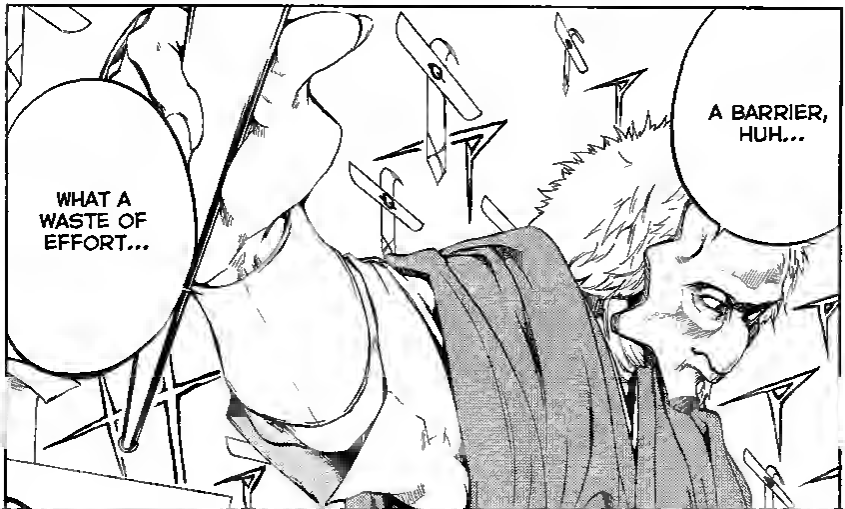
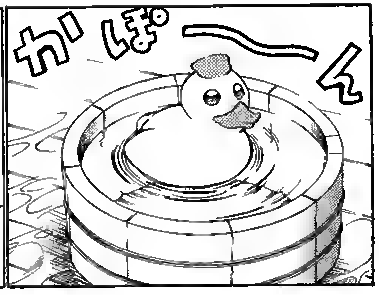
PEAS ARE THE THINGS THAT SHE'S SCARED OF THE MOST...
ESPECIALLY ON THE 2ND OF MARCH... IT WILL BE EVEN TERRIBLE...
OH... IS THAT SO...


NO, NO, NO! AYAME WANTS TO GO BACK HOME!
JUST ENDURE FOR A BIT LONGER.
WHEN I SAY I WANT TO RETURN, WE RETURN!

OROCHI! THE CITY IS JUST TOO SCARY!
NO MATTER WHAT CO-LORS THEY ARE, YOU REALLY CAN'T STAND THEM, HUH...
SUCH GREEN PEAS, I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM!


A BARRIER, HUH...
WHAT A WASTE OF EFFORT...

Panties are so panties~
Ghosts~
So strong~ So powerful~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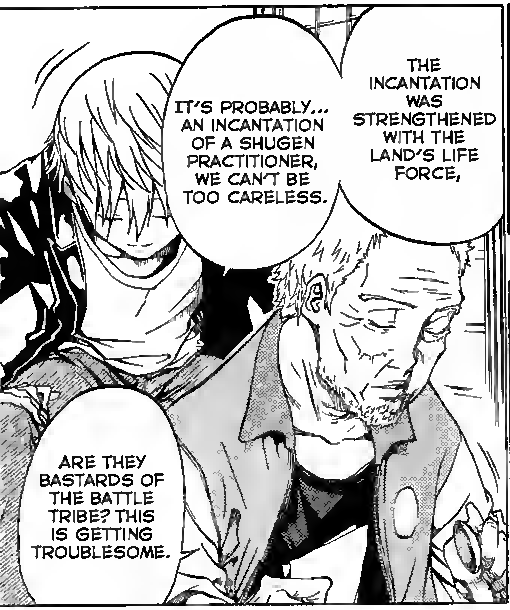
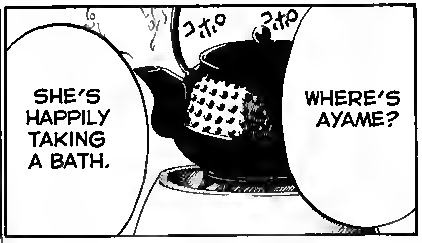
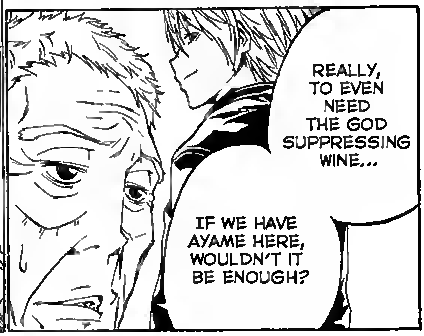
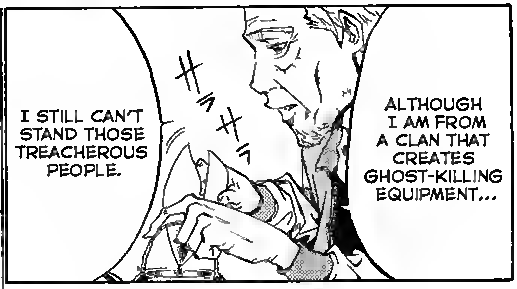

THE INCANTATION WAS STRENGTHENED WITH THE LAND'S LIFE FORCE,
IT'S PROBABLY... AN INCANTATION OF A SHUGEN PRACTITIONER, WE CAN'T BE TOO CARELESS.
ARE THEY BASTARDS OF THE BATTLE TRIBE? THIS IS GETTING TROUBLESOME.


WHERE'S AYAME?
SHE'S HAPPILY TAKING A BATH.


REALLY, TO EVEN NEED THE GOD SUPPRESSING WINE...
IF WE HAVE AYAME HERE, WOULDN'T IT BE ENOUGH?

I MUST SAY THOUGH, OROCHI...


I STILL CAN'T STAND THOSE TREACHEROUS PEOPLE.
ALTHOUGH I AM FROM A CLAN THAT CREATES GHOST-KILLING EQUIPMENT...

YOU ARE STILL YOUNG...
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO BET ON YOUR LIFE HERE...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST CLEAN UP THE MESS YOUR FATHER MADE WHEN HE BETRAYED THE ARMY BASE?
THIS TOPIC...
I THOUGHT WE MADE A PROMISE NOT TO BRING IT UP?
I BELIEVE THE PREVIOUS GENERATIONS WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO DIE HERE...
.....
I'M SAYING THIS BECAUSE I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
BECAUSE YOUR STRENGTH HAS ALREADY BEEN LEFT A PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF YOUR CLAN.
THEN... I SHOULDN'T NEED A SUPERVISOR ANYMORE, DO I?
HURRY UP AND RETIRE THEN...
I WILL MAKE SURE I LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED YEARS OLD AND SHOW YOU...

AIYA,
DO YOU STILL WANT ME TO BRING MORE WINE?
I was just about to bring some over to Ayame
That's Ayame though She's drinking so much
NO, IT'S ALREADY ENOUGH...
ALTHOUGH YOU CAN CALL THIS WINE...
IT'S ACTUALLY MORE SIMILAR TO A DRUG...
A DRUG THAT WILL 'SUPPRESS' MY STRENGTH WHEN I DRINK IT...
?
INHERITING A FAMILY'S JOB ISN'T A SIMPLE TASK.
YES...
YOU'RE A PRIEST AFTER ALL.
KUSHINATA-SAN,
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?
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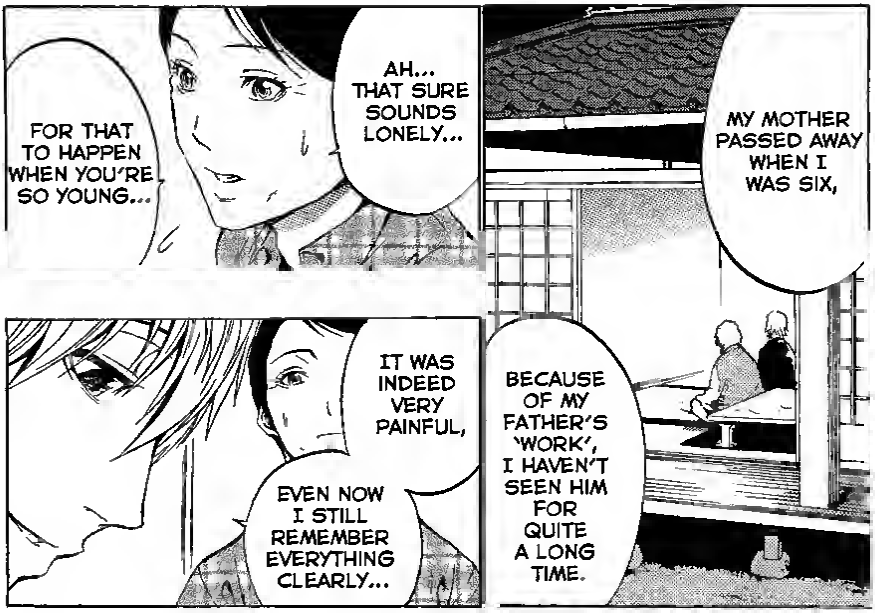
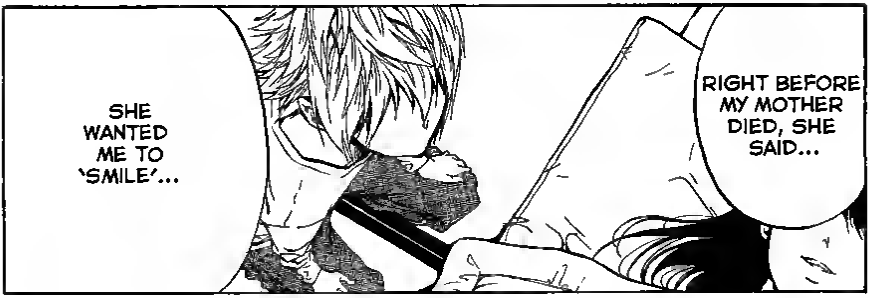
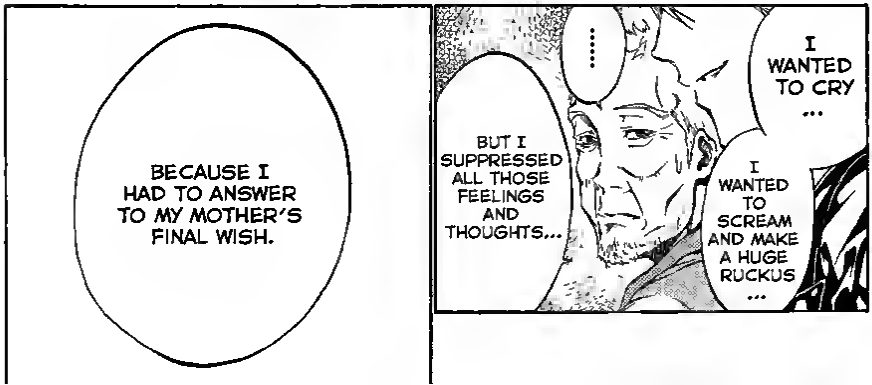

AH... THAT SURE SOUNDS LONELY...
FOR THAT TO HAPPEN WHEN YOU'RE SO YOUNG...
MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS SIX,
BECAUSE OF MY FATHER'S 'WORK', I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.
IT WAS INDEED VERY PAINFUL,
EVEN NOW I STILL REMEMBER EVERYTHING CLEARLY...


RIGHT BEFORE MY MOTHER DIED, SHE SAID...
SHE WANTED ME TO 'SMILE'...


I WANTED TO CRY ...
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I WANTED TO SCREAM AND MAKE A HUGE RUCKUS ...
BUT I SUPPRESSED ALL THOSE FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS...
BECAUSE I HAD TO ANSWER TO MY MOTHER'S FINAL WISH.

AND AFTER THAT...
THIS SMILE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON MY FACE...
MY MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO ME WHEN SHE WAS 17,
HENCE WHEN SHE DIED, SHE WAS ONLY 23 YEARS OLD...
SHE MUST STILL HAVE HAD SOME DREAMS OR PLACES SHE WANTED TO GO TO...
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I OFTEN THINK OF IT THIS WAY...
MOTHER MUST HAVE ALWAYS RESENTED ME...
NON-SENSE!
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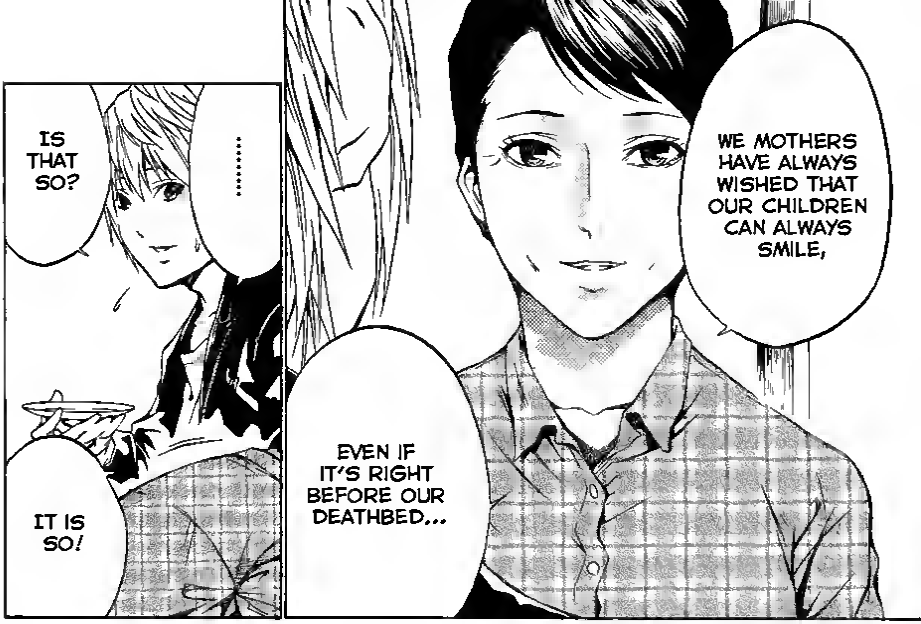
WE MOTHERS HAVE ALWAYS WISHED THAT OUR CHILDREN CAN ALWAYS SMILE,
EVEN IF IT'S RIGHT BEFORE OUR DEATHBED...
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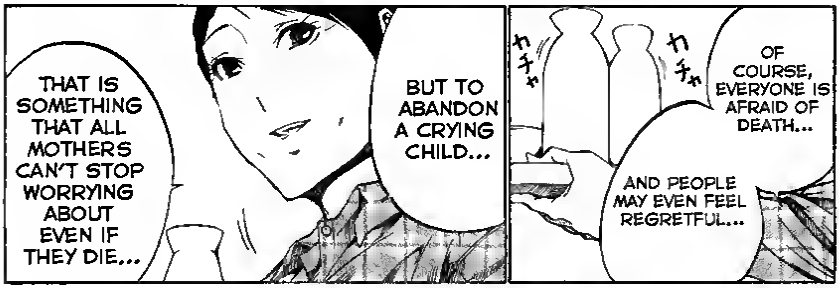
IS THAT SO?
IT IS SO!


OF COURSE, EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF DEATH...
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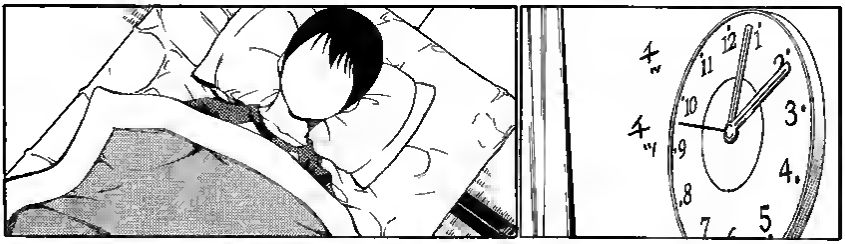
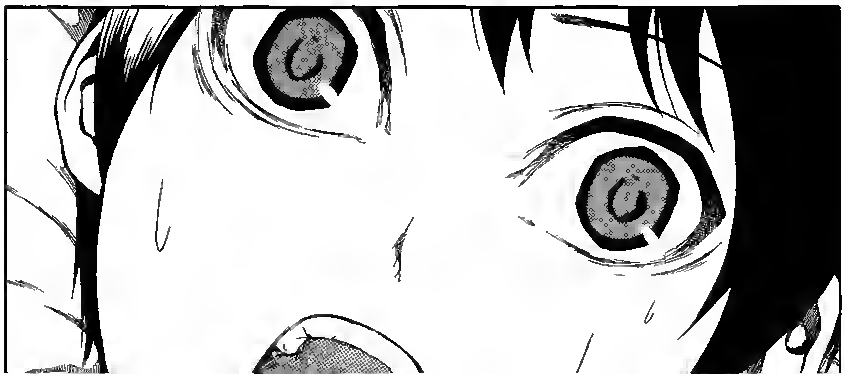
AND PEOPLE MAY EVEN FEEL REGRETFUL...
BUT TO ABANDON A CRYING CHILD...
THAT IS SOMETHING THAT ALL MOTHERS CAN'T STOP WORRYING ABOUT EVEN IF THEY DIE...

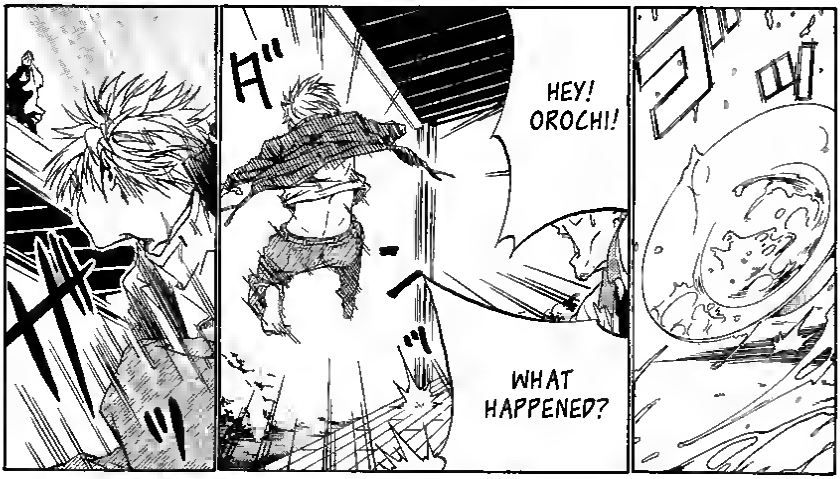
THIS SURE IS RARE...
FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER...
STOP IT ALREADY.

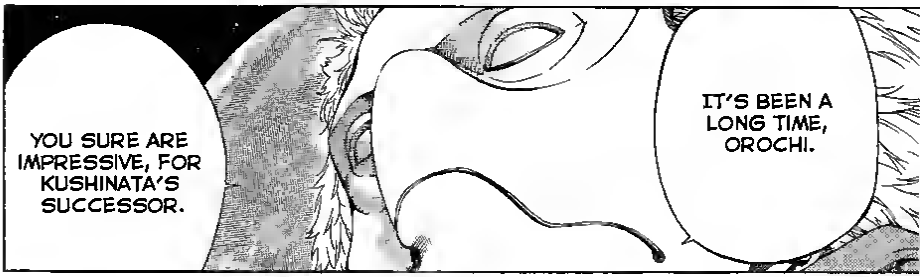
IT SEEMS THAT...
I'M A LITTLE DRUNK...



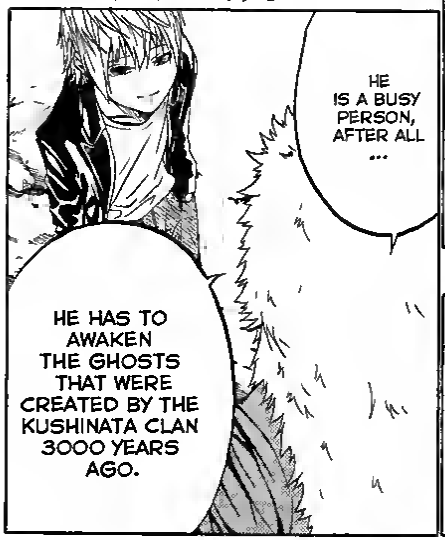
NEITHER MY FATHER NOR MOTHER WILL GET REPAID...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I RESENT...
THERE'S NO POINT IN RESENTING SOMEONE...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
NOTHING GOOD WILL EVER HAPPEN...
HOWEVER, EVEN IF I CONTINUE TO RESENT FOR THESE THOUSAND YEARS...

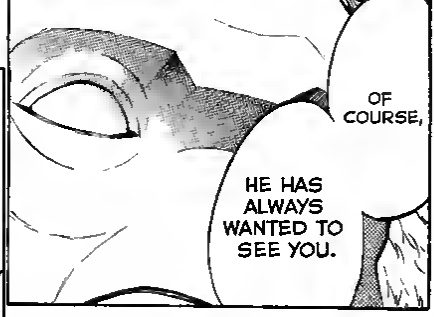



HEY! OROCHI!
WHAT HAPPENED?

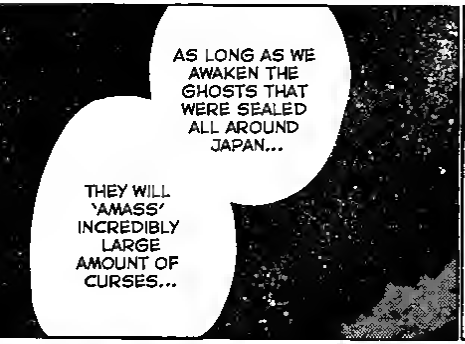

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, OROCHI.
YOU SURE ARE IMPRESSIVE, FOR KUSHINATA'S SUCCESSOR.

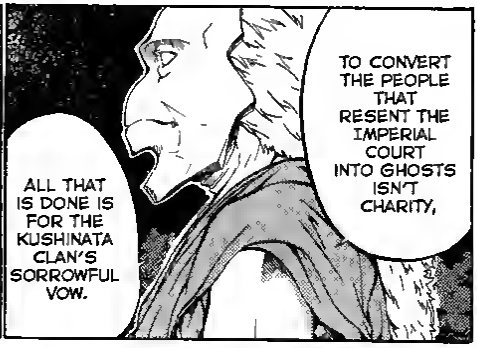
SO IT'S YOU AFTER ALL, CROW...
IS MY FATHER DOING FINE?


HE IS A BUSY PERSON, AFTER ALL ...
HE HAS TO AWAKEN THE GHOSTS THAT WERE CREATED BY THE KUSHINATA CLAN 3000 YEARS AGO.


OF COURSE,
HE HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE YOU.

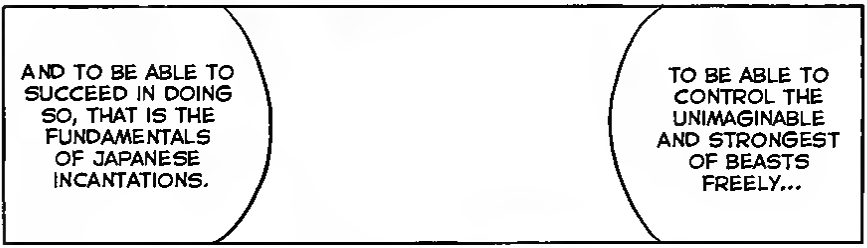
BUT HE STILL NEVER CAME TO SEE ME,
AND INSTEAD, HE SENDS UNDERLINGS LIKE YOU TO TAKE HIS PLACE.


AS LONG AS WE AWAKEN THE GHOSTS THAT WERE SEALED ALL AROUND JAPAN...
THEY WILL 'AMASS' INCREDIBLY LARGE AMOUNT OF CURSES...

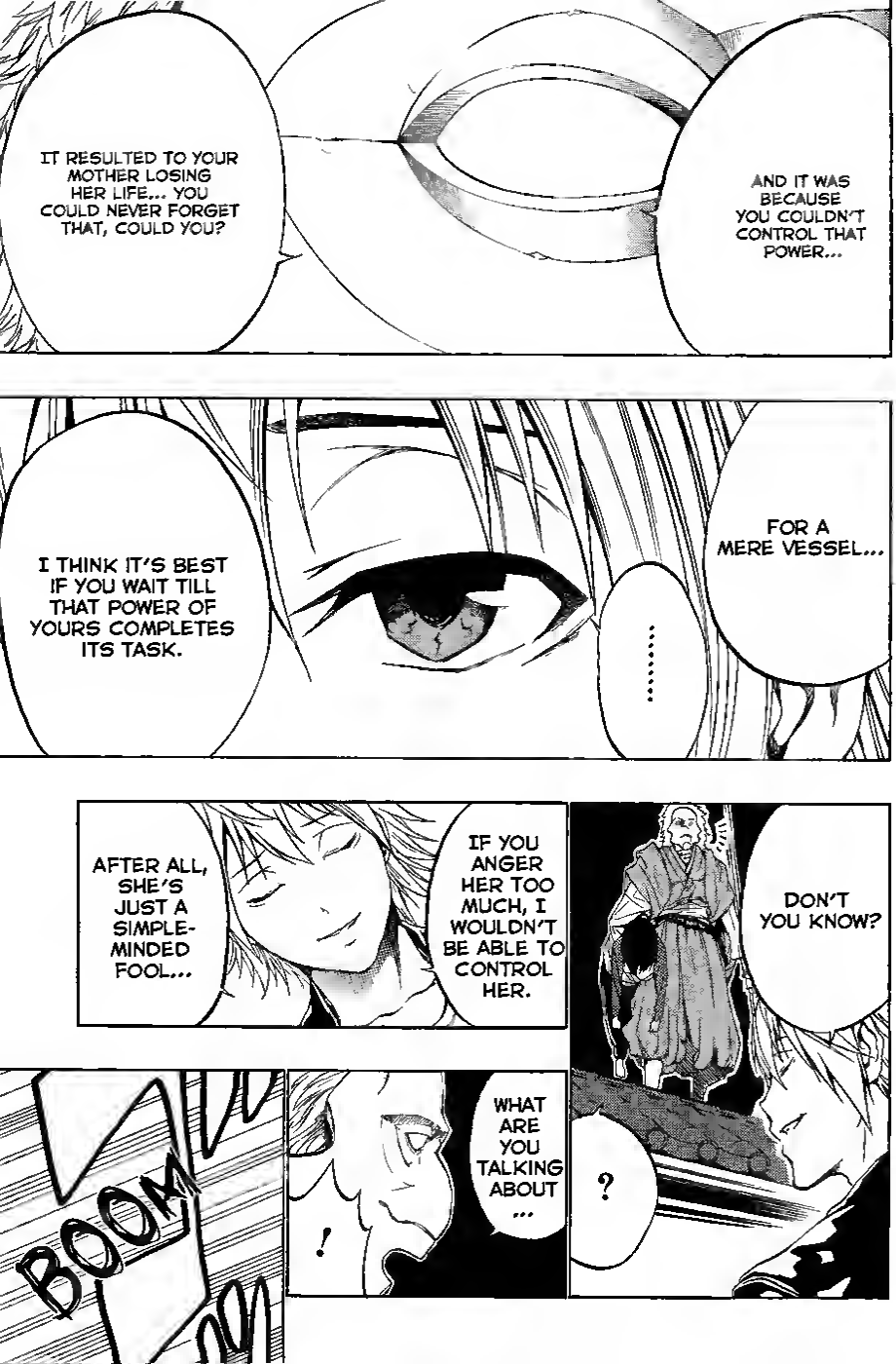

TO CONVERT THE PEOPLE THAT RESENT THE IMPERIAL COURT INTO GHOSTS ISN'T CHARITY,
ALL THAT IS DONE IS FOR THE KUSHINATA CLAN'S SORROWFUL VOW.

AND EVENTUALLY, ALL OF THE CURSES...
WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN ONE AREA...

AND THAT IS THE THING THAT LAY ASLEEP WITHIN YOUR BODY...
INTO THE EIGHT DIVERGENT OROCHI'S BODY...


TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE UNIMAGINABLE AND STRONGEST OF BEASTS FREELY...
AND TO BE ABLE TO SUCCEED IN DOING SO, THAT IS THE FUNDAMENTALS OF JAPANESE INCANTATIONS.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ALL THAT,
CAN YOU RELEASE THAT CHILD?
IF YOU DON'T, I WILL JUST HAVE TO TAKE HIM BACK BY FORCE ...
HOHOHO... I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T...
YOUR POWER CAN EASILY GO BERSERK...


IT RESULTED TO YOUR MOTHER LOSING HER LIFE... YOU COULD NEVER FORGET THAT, COULD YOU?
AND IT WAS BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T CONTROL THAT POWER...
I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU WAIT TILL THAT POWER OF YOURS COMPLETES ITS TASK.
.....
FOR A MERE VESSEL...
AFTER ALL, SHE'S JUST A SIMPLE-MINDED FOOL...
IF YOU ANGER HER TOO MUCH, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL HER.
DON'T YOU KNOW?
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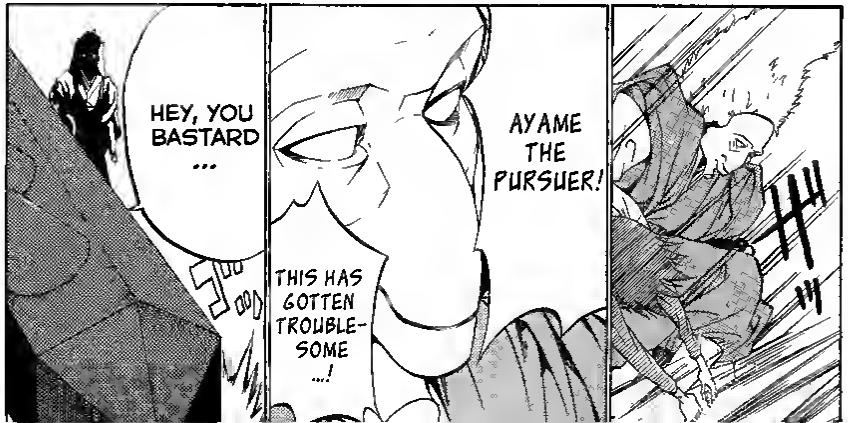
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...
BOOM
BOOM


HEY, YOU BASTARD ...
THIS HAS GOTTEN TROUBLE-SOME ...!
AYAME THE PURSUER!

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DON'T YOU CALL MY MASTER A 'VESSEL'!
YOU BRAT THAT DOESN'T KNOW HIS PLACE...
OROCHI IS THE SUCCESSOR OF THE KUSHINATA CLAN THAT I, AYAME, DAUGHTER OF SOUMA KOJIROU RECOGNIZE!

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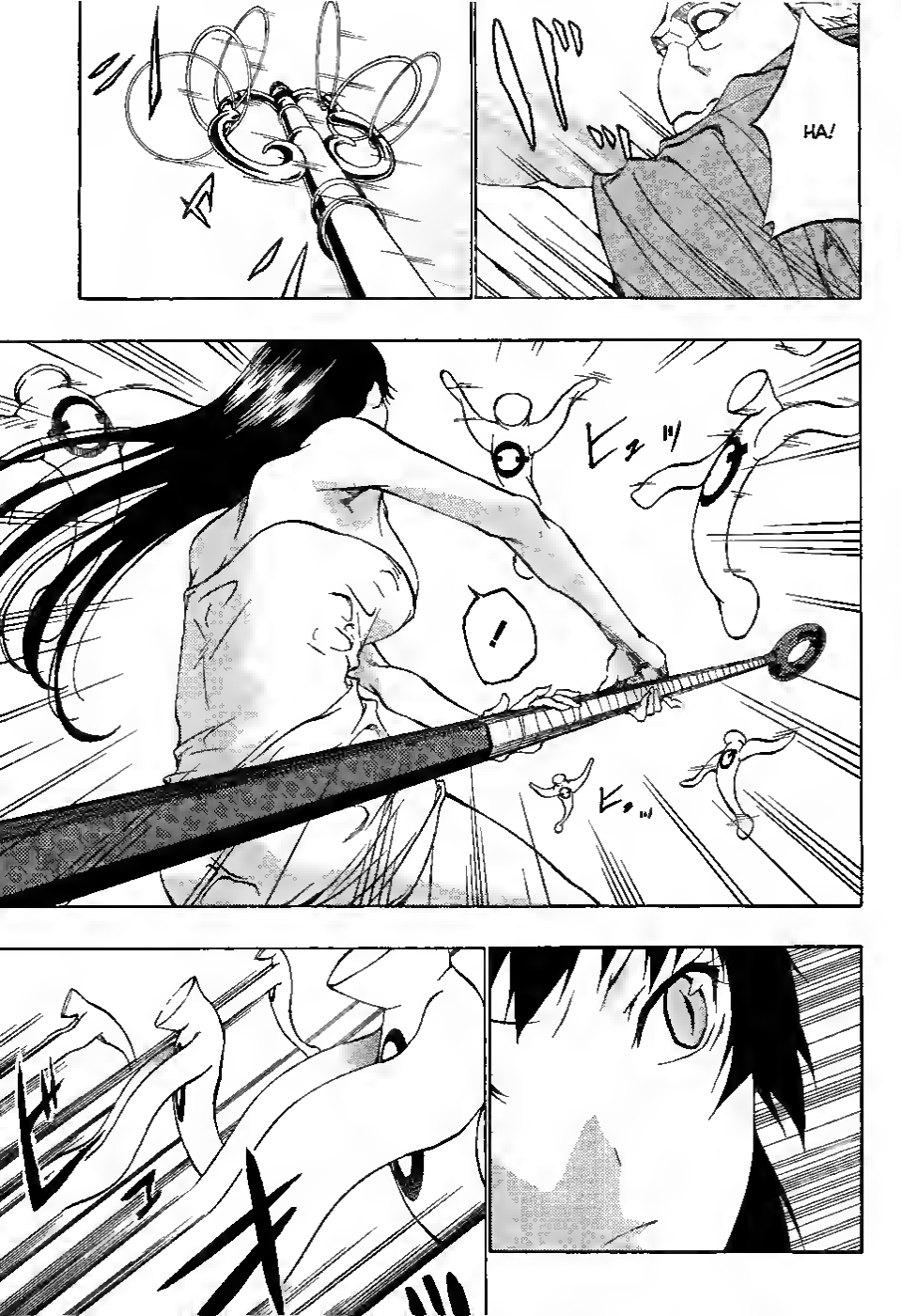
HA!

AYAME...
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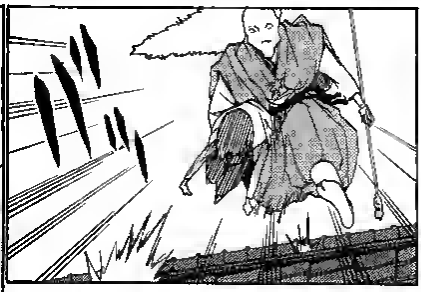

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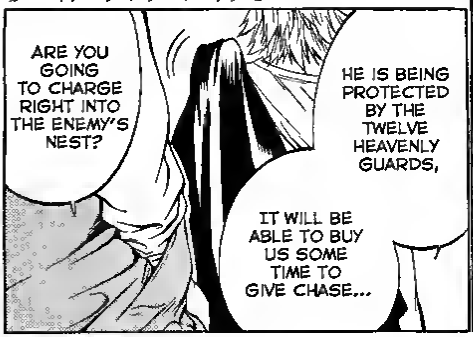
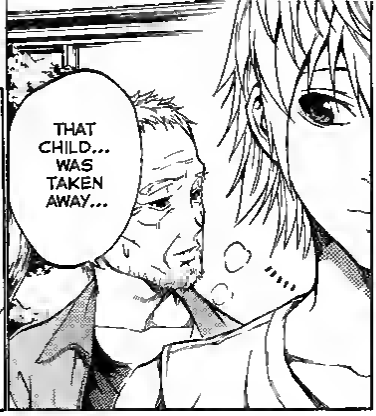
STOP RIGHT THERE!

PLEASE, AYAME...
I'M NOT IN A VERY GOOD MOOD RIGHT NOW...
NOT NOW! I WANT TO SAVE NATSUKI!
GO CHANGE THEM.
A GIRL CAN'T ACT RASHLY IN THOSE CLOTHES,
AYAME WILL NEVER ALLOW THAT!
ALSO THAT BASTARD CALLED YOU A 'VESSEL'!
I WANT TO DO A LITTLE 'WARM UP'...
ALSO ...
.....

CROW IS ONE OF MY FATHER'S WELL-TRAINED DISCIPLES...
HE ISN'T AN OPPONENT THAT I CAN DEFEAT WITHOUT GETTING HURT ON MY PART...

OROCHI!


ARE YOU GOING TO CHARGE RIGHT INTO THE ENEMY'S NEST?
HE IS BEING PROTECTED BY THE TWELVE HEAVENLY GUARDS,
IT WILL BE ABLE TO BUY US SOME TIME TO GIVE CHASE...


THAT CHILD... WAS TAKEN AWAY...
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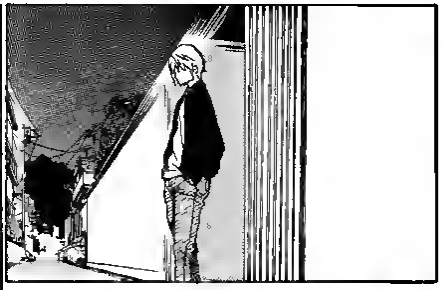
DON'T WORRY,
IT WILL ALL BE OVER DURING DAYBREAK.

SAY, OROCHI...
YES?



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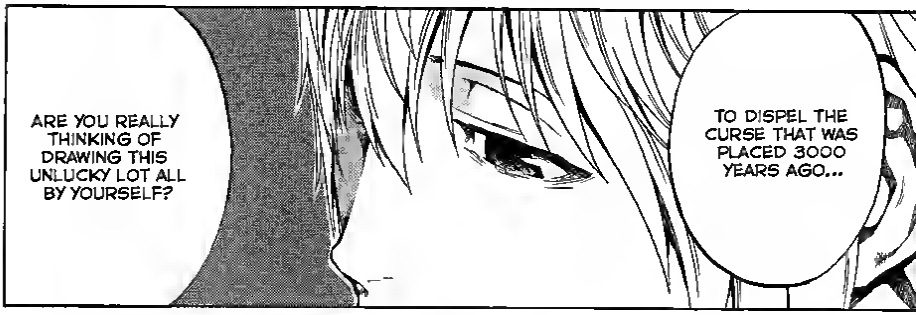
ARE YOU GOING TO DRAW THIS UNLUCKY LOT?

YOU HAVE NEVER OFFENDED ANYONE,
AND YET YOU'RE GOING TO SWALLOW THE RESENTMENT AND MISERY OF PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW...
AND TO SWALLOW THOSE OF YOURS AS WELL...


TO DISPEL THE CURSE THAT WAS PLACED 3000 YEARS AGO...
ARE YOU REALLY THINKING OF DRAWING THIS UNLUCKY LOT ALL BY YOURSELF?

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IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT CAN DRAW IT?
OTHER THAN ME...
GOING TO DRAW THIS UNLUCKY LOT WITH ME TOO?
OR IS AYAME...
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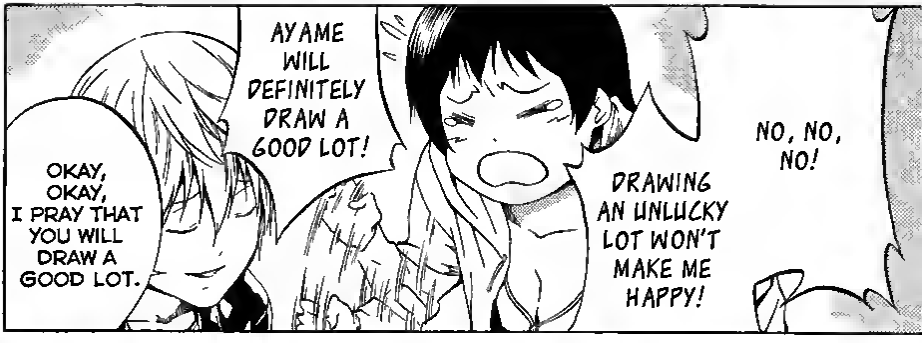
NO WAY!
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT...


NO, NO, NO!
DRAWING AN UNLUCKY LOT WON'T MAKE ME HAPPY!
AYAME WILL DEFINITELY DRAW A GOOD LOT!
OKAY, OKAY, I PRAY THAT YOU WILL DRAW A GOOD LOT.

?
OROCHI MUST DRAW A GOOD LOT TOO--!
DON'T MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR ME, PLEASE.

URGH……
!
TAKE A LOOK...
THE BLOODLINE THAT FLOWS WITHIN YOUR BODY IS STAINED WITH SUCH DEEP SINS ...
AH, YOU'RE AWAKE...
ALTHOUGH THE SCHEDULE IS A BIT OFF, BUT IN THE END THE TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
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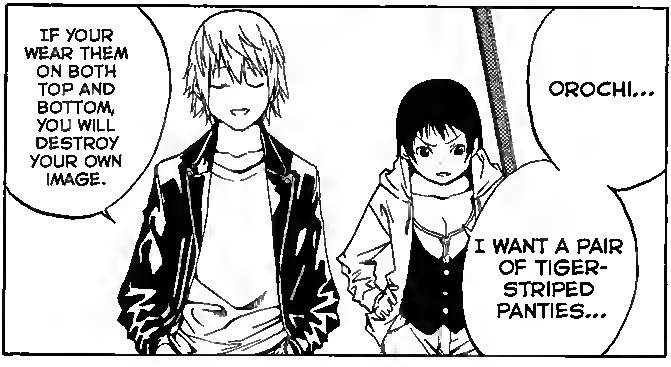
THE OBSESSION OF A HUMAN'S HEART...
IS SO DEEP AND WIDE ...


IF YOUR WEAR THEM ON BOTH TOP AND BOTTOM, YOU WILL DESTROY YOUR OWN IMAGE.
OROCHI...
I WANT A PAIR OF TIGER-STRIPED PANTIES...